

## LITTLE JAMES' BASKET PRESS



### Vin de Pays d'Oc / Little James / blanc Saint Cosme White 2017

Little James' Basket Press white – 2017 Pays d'Oc

50% Viognier / 50% Sauvignon.

Fermentation and ageing in tanks.

Our long-standing tradition of making white wines at Saint Cosme has helped me a lot in defining and constantly adjusting the profile of Little James white wine. The culture and expertise for each grape variety are very different – blending Viognier and Sauvignon is extremely rare, probably because the two cultivars are traditionally grown in different regions, except in Languedoc where they co-exist. I like to marry these two varieties because they are very complementary. Blending grape varieties and working with them together is not just about analyses, figures and theories – it is first and foremost a question of style and alchemy. Playing notes does not make music – they need to be meaningful and blend together seamlessly. Wine is the same. It is amazing to realise that whatever the vintage, one of the two grapes always offers a solution when the other is slightly under par. This year we will be bottling early because that's always the best way to bottle. Enjoy our Little James because that's its sole purpose – for enjoyment  
Anise, apricot, grapefruit, lychee, boxwood and mango. Bottled in January 2018.